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What are UNSPSC Codes?

Lawson has incorporated the usage of UNSPSC codes which is a standardized way of categorizing items that people use in commerce. The UNSPSC codes were developed by the United Nations in association with Dun & Bradstreet.

The codes have four levels: segment, family, class, and commodity. These levels create an item hierarchy and allows the user to search for each level for items in the Item Master file.

Example

When the user searches through the segment Office Equipment they would see the following selections.

Segment	Family	Class	Commodity	Description
44				Office Equipment
44	10			Office Machines
44	11			Computer Supplies
44	12			Office Supplies
44	12	15		Mailing Supplies
44	12	16		Writing Instruments
44	12	16	01	Mechanical Pencil
44	12	16	02	Black Stylist Pen
44	12	16	03	Black Pen

What are UPC Codes?

Universal Product Codes (UPC) represent an alternate product identifier for items. They are used primarily in the retail industry. In the Inventory Control application, you can associate a UPC code with an inventory item for tracking purposes. The UPC code includes additional item information, such as UPC type and unit of measure.

You can print UPC codes on labels for easy identification or scan them electronically.

Loading UNSPSC Codes

If you use UNSPSC codes, this procedure explains how to load the UNSPSC codes using a CSV file. The codes can be attached to the Item Master records to create an item hierarchy. The UNSPSC code must be attached to an item in the Item Master file to be active. This allows you to search on categories in Lawson Requisitions Self-Service.

The CSV file needs to be placed in the following directory. Name the file what you want. The layout is:

UNIX users: **\$LAWDIR**/productline/interface directory

Windows NT users: %**LAWDIR**%\productline\interface directory\

System i users: **LAWDIR**/productline/interface directory

Field	Max Size
SEGMENT	2
FAMILY	2
CLASS	2
COMMODITY	2
CODE-SDESC	20
CODE-LDESC	80

 **Need More Details?** Check out the following concepts:

- ["What are UNSPSC Codes?"](#) on page 46

STEPS To load UNSPSC codes

1. Access Load UNSPSC Product Codes (IC516).
2. Enter the name of the file to be imported. If left blank, the default file name of ICITEMCODECSV will be used.
3. Enter the item groups that the imported codes should be assigned to. The process can be re-run for additional item groups.
4. Select Yes in the Report Only field to review what will be produced. No records will be updated by selecting Yes. Select No if you want to update without reviewing the report.

Adding UNSPSC Codes

If you use UNSPSC codes and need to add new ones, this procedure explains how to add codes. You can also edit the existing codes from this form. For more information about UNSPSC codes, see the *Lawson Requisitions Self-Service User Guide*.



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STEPS To add UNSPSC codes

1. Access UNSPSC Product Codes (IC16.1).
2. To add a new code, consider the following fields.

Item Group	Select the item group you want the new code added to.
Segment, Family, Class, Commodity	Enter the two-digit code for each level of the hierarchy.
Description	Type the long description of the code.
Short Description	Type a shortened version for the long description. This is the description that will be seen on the various forms that use UNSPSC codes.

3. Select the Add form action. Other available form actions are Change and Delete.